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SUBJECT: MEDICAL SERVICES PORT SAID

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1. FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN AL AHRAH ON AUGUST 3, 1976, UNDER CAPTION "CLOSE SCRUTINY OF CLINICS IN PORT SAID":
"PORT SAID: THE LOCAL COUNCIL OF THE GOVERNATE OF PORT SAID HAS DECIDED TO CLOSELY SCRUTINIZE PRIVATE CLINICS IN THE CITY AFTER THE COUNCIL REVIEWED THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF PORT SAID CITIZEN AHMED IBRAHIM FOLLOWING SURGERY PERFORMED IN ONE DOCTOR'S CLINIC. THE MEDICAL REPORT SAID THAT THE PATIENT HAD BEEN MOVED TO AL HAMYAAT HOSPITAL THREE DAYS AFTER SURGERY, WHERE HE WAS DIAGNOSED AS HAVING SURGICAL TETANUS. A CONTROVERSY AROSE, AND THE COUNCIL REFERRED THE MATTER TO THE UNION OF PORT SAID PHYSICIANS TO PREPARE A COMPLETE REPORT ON THE INCIDENT FOR SUBMISSION TO THE COUNCIL. FURTHERMORE, THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON SURGEONS IN THE CITY WITHIN A WEEK. THE COUNCIL ALSO FORMED A COMMITTEE TO STUDY CONDITIONS AT MUBARA HOSPITAL, WHICH HAVE DETERIORATED, AND TO INVESTIGATE THE FATE OF TWENTY THOUSAND EGYPTIAN POUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL FLOORS WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN ERECTED."

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2. MUBARA HOSPITAL IS SAME ONE IN WHICH AMERICAN SEAMAN

MENTIONED REFTEL WAS PLACED PRIOR TO HIS REMOVAL TO DELEVRANDE HOSPITAL.

3. DR. TAWIL BELIEVES THE DOCTOR IN THE CASE UNDER INVESTIGATION IS SAME PHYSICIAN WHO MISDIAGNOSED INDIAN AND AMERICAN SEAMEN.

4. ALTHOUGH THE PROBLEM OF MEDICAL SERVICES HAS COME TO ATTENTION OF LOCAL OFFICIALS, TIME REQUIRED TO RECTIFY SITUATION CANNOT BE ESTIMATED, AND RECOMMENDATION THAT DEPARTMENT TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO ADVISE OWNERS OF US FLAG VESSELS TRANSITING SUEZ CANAL OR CALLING ON PORT SAID TO RECOMMEND TO THEIR AGENTS TO PLACE ALL SICK OR INJURED SEAMEN IN DELEVRANDE HOSPITAL, UNDER THE CARE OF DR. RAYMOND TAWIL, REMAINS UNCHANGED. SIGNED SURBER.
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